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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3467

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 1812

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PFOR, SY, IZ

SUBJ: REPORTS OF MORE BOMB EXPLOSIONS AND COUP PLOTTING
IN SYRIA

REF: DAMASCUS 1728

1. THERE HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN TWO MORE BOMB EXPLOSIONS
AT SYRIAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICES SINCE MAY 12 INCIDENT
REPORTED REFTEL. ONE ALLEGEDLY TOOK PLACE MAY 14 IN
DAMASCUS AND SECOND IN HAMA. SOURCE OF INFO ADDED THAT
THREE PEOPLE DIED AS A RESULT OF MAY 12 EXPLOSION.

2. WE NOTE FROM BEIRUT PRESS MAY 14 THAT ARAB COMMUNIST
ORGANIZATION CLAIMED CREDIT FOR MAY 12 EXPLOSION "IN
RETALIATION FOR DEATH OF JAMAL OMAR IN SYRIAN PRISON".

3. SAME SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF MAY 15 THAT APPROXIMATELY ONE
WEEK AGO GROUP OF PRO-AFLAQ SYRIAN MILITARY OFFICERS
WERE ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH PLOTTING TO OVERTHROW
PRESIDENT ASAD. ARRESTEES REPORTEDLY NUMBERED ABOUT
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FORTY SUNNI AND ALAWI OFFICERS, MOST OF WHOM ACCORDING

TO SOURCE WERE EXECUTED. SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT RIF'AT AL-ASAD'S REPUBLICAN GUARD WAS MOBILIZED FROM MAY 1 - 10 ALLEGEDLY IN CONNECTION WITH IRAQI INTERFERENCE IN SYRIAN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY SO FAR HAS OBTAINED NO CONFIRMATION EITHER OF LATTER TWO BOMBINGS OR ARREST OF PLOTTERS. IF EXECUTIONS DID OCCUR, WE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED TO HEAR ABOUT THEM BY NOW FROM RADIO BAGHDAD.
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